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Betty Looks Tired, in Pain

Doc Blames Arthritis, Convention Rigors

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Vail, Colo., Aug. 22 — President Ford went to church this morning with his wife, Betty, who appeared tired and in some pain after the strains of the Republican National Convention.

Mrs. Ford attempted to smile and wave at 150 or so persons gathered outside the Vail Interfaith Chapel, but she moved very slowly and seemed to have difficulty raising her arm.

White House physician William Lukash said that her problems had been caused by a long-standing arthritic condition and a pinched nerve in her neck, which, he said, might have been irritated by the nectic pace of the convention week. Lukash said that Mrs. Ford was being treated with hot packs and massage therapy, adding: With the rest she's now getting, she will be all right."

Briefings for Dole

The Fords' daughter Susan accompanied them to the service, where they were welcomed back to their regular vacation home by the pastor, the Revi Don Simonton.

White House aides who accompanied Ford on a 10-day working vacation here said that the Presi-

dent had directed that his vice presidential nominee, Sen Robert Dole of Kansas, be given briefings by government officials on national security, domestic and economic issues.

Dole will be briefed tomorrow in Washington by CIA Director George Bush and by William Hyland, deputy director of the National Security Council. Bush has given similar briefings to Democratic nominee Jimmy Carter and his running mate Sen. Walter Mondale of Minnesota.

Dole will be briefed on Tuesday by representatives of the Domestic Council, the Economic Policy Board and the Office of Management and Budget. He plans to fly to Seattle on Wednesday to address an American Legion convention there before joining the President in Vail for a series of campaign strategy sessions.

While Dole is familiar with many of the issues to be covered by the briefings because of his services on various congressional committees, the White House said that he would be more completely familiarized with every aspect of administration foreign and domestic policies before the fall campaign begins.

The President played golf today for the third time since he arrived her Friday. He is scheduled to begin campaign planning meetings tomorrow with Rogers C.B. Morton, Stuart Spencer, James Baher and other officials of the President Ford Committee.